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## European Alliance of Cities and Regions for the Reconstruction of Ukraine

Dear Mr President,

The Bavarian State Government has condemned the Russian Federation's war of aggression on Ukraine, which is contrary to international law, in the strongest possible terms from the very beginning and has assured the Ukrainian people of its unrestricted solidarity and support.

The Free State of Bavaria has provided aid to Ukraine quickly and in many ways. Since the beginning of March 2022, around 500,000 euros worth of aid for Ukraine has been financed from the Bavarian State Government's budget alone. In addition to goods to supply the population for civilian purposes and to protect against the Corona virus, support was provided in the area of disaster control. Furthermore, it is worth mentioning the great commitment to Ukraine by Bavarian municipalities and a large number of private initiatives in Bavaria.

The Bavarian State Government continues to support the rapid and best possible reception, accommodation and care of refugees from Ukraine in

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Bavaria. According to the Central Register of Foreigners, the total number of refugees from Ukraine in Bavaria as of October 11, 2022 is 147,844, of which 31,198 are in state accommodation. Up to 30 million euros have been made available in Bavaria for support, counselling and services for refugees from Ukraine. Of this amount, around 28 million euros will be used to increase the number of (counsellor) positions for refugee and integration counselling as well as integration guides in 2022 and 2023. This does not include the State of Bavaria's share of the costs for the reception, accommodation and care of refugees, the promotion of day-care services by the municipalities for children under the age of six and the costs of schooling for children and young people.

Even during the ongoing war, the Bavarian State Government is pursuing the preservation and further development of the Bavarian-Ukrainian relations that have existed since the beginning of 1990. The Office of the Free State of Bavaria in Ukraine, founded in March 2018, has continued its work without interruption since the beginning of the war. The office is available to Ukrainians in Ukraine and Bavaria as a point of contact, is responsible for administrative cooperation and supports Bavarian-Ukrainian town twinning and youth exchange. The Permanent Bavarian-Ukrainian Working Commission will meet again soon after its last meeting in October 2021 and is currently waiting for a signal from the Ukrainian side. Experts from Ukrainian and Bavarian ministries and authorities will continue to exchange information about the status of current cooperation and possibilities for further intensification. Support was offered in particular in the areas of reconstruction of Ukraine and reforms necessary for EU accession.

According to the information available to the Bavarian State Government, the support for Ukraine and the aid transports to Ukraine are largely running without problems. This is not least due to the good cooperation of the authorities.

Yours sincerely

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